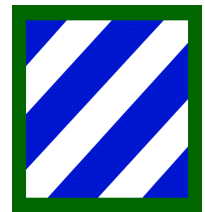


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### **Second Brigade's homecoming continues**

**FORT STEWART, Ga. (July 17, 2008)** – A pleasant summer evening greeted 140 2nd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division Soldiers today at their welcome home ceremony at Cottrell Field here.

Spartan Brigade commander Col. Terry Ferrell thanked the roughly 300 friends and family who came to today's ceremony for their devotion to their Spartan Soldiers during the 14-month deployment.

"Thank you for supporting your Soldiers," Ferrell said.

Ferrell also praised his Soldiers for their service and welcomed them back to Fort Stewart's soil.

"Thank you for what you have done over the past 14 plus months," "It's been phenomenal. You have done magnificent."

The brigade was mainly located in Arab Jabour and detained more than 800 terrorist suspects and helped foster Iraqi self-governance. Second Brigade Soldiers blocked weapons from entering the Iraqi capital, protected the local population, and trained Iraqi security forces. To date, more than 3,100 2BCT Soldiers have come home.

Following Ferrell's welcome and a rousing cry of the brigade's motto, "Send me!", and the singing of the national anthem, the Marine and Army songs by all, the family members and friends rushed from the field's bleachers to greet their Soldiers.